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Supported and Surrounded

from our series, *Powerful: Stories from 1 & 2 Samuel*

Warmup: *Think of a person who has supported you in life, and share a fun or profound story about them*

REMINDER The stories in the Bible are *our* family stories. They shape us and they show us truths about God and about humans.

READ 1 Samuel 18:1-17

REFLECT

- What questions do you have about this story?

- Why does Saul turn against David? How does David respond?

- The sermon gave a brief overview of the cast of characters surrounding and supporting David: Jonathan (1 Sam 18:1-4, 19:1-3, 20:41-42; 23:15-18), Michal (1 Sam 19:11-12), Samuel (1 Sam 19:18-20), Ahimelech (1 Sam 21:1-9), Gad (1 Sam 22:5), Abigail (1 Sam 25:32-34), David's family and all the "rabble" (1 Sam 22:1-2). Read the brief accounts in Scripture. Even if these people were not David's "ideal" community, consider what would have happened to David if they were not there.

- A key observation is that we don't need the "ideal community" to support us in God's mission; we need the people God has already gathered around us. Take a few minutes on your own and write down who are people in your life who are:
    - Soul Sharpeners – spur you closer to Christ
    - Vision Casters – inspire your dreams
    - Tail Kickers – challenge and motivate
    - Friends and Heart Healers – pick you up, refresh you, and share the journey
    - Strategic Thinkers – provide resources, models, systems, and guidance

  Share with your group. If you can't think of anyone for a particular category, discuss with the group who you might contact to be part of your support team.

  Also, which of these categories do you play in other people's lives? How can you do this more?

- What is your next step to cultivate these relationships?

RESPOND

- Gather in groups of 3-4 and (1) take time in prayer to thank God for the people who surround and support you, then (2) pray that the Holy Spirit helps each person live the mission of God this week with conviction in the power of the Holy Spirit!